

## March 22, Communiqué

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## Hello church family,

On Sunday I had the opportunity to share a preaching seminar with man elders from across our conference. Afterward, I had lots of conversations that reminded me of the importance of connecting with the community around us. The call of Matthew 28:19 to share the good news of Jesus in and engage "all nations" is still as true today as ever.

On that note, I am excited to announce the return of the WWU Symposium (though we are calling it Sunnyside Symposium for now). The event will happen on Sabbath, April 5th, and this year the theme will be "Together at the Table: The Church and Immigration." Our featured speakers will be Dr. John McVay, Dr. Terrie Aamodt, Dr. Kessia Reyn Bennett, and Dr. Erika Puni. Elder McVay will have the sermon, and the rest of the presenters will share after potlucl followed by a Q&A.

The pastoral team is working hard on conceptualizing the summer outreach plans connected to Pentecost 2025, an initiative by the NAD to empower local churches to have evangelsitc meetings in a variety of formats. Please pray for us as we solidify plans, budgets, and curriculum. We are hoping it will be an innovative and inspiring program that will give people hope.

This Sabbath, I will continue sharing the truth with a sermon called "Walk the Line." It explores arguably the most misrepresented verse used to promote studying of the Bible, and how it can help us have a healthier approach to what we study and hold true. Have a wonderful rest of the week!

Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.		

# The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Sunnyside Church Family,

We had such a fun and full Saturday afternoon with our Adventurers; kicking things off with a fellowship meal followed by an afternoon learning about healthy living and NEWSTART. With summer just around the corner, I'm especially excited to get some extra "Sunshine" in my life! It was also great catching up with so many parents durin class time. Huge thanks to Natalia and all our amazing teachers for the time and energy they pour into our kids.

At Monday's PAES School Board meeting, we talked about some exciting security upgrades coming to the school, including new security cameras and a school-wide PA system. It's great to see these steps being taken to keep everyone safe.

This Saturday evening, I'm finally heading to Australia to visit my family—it's been 14 months since my last trip! The are so many birthdays and special occasions to catch up on, and I can't wait to meet all the new little ones my frier have welcomed into their families. I also need to sort out a new visa while I'm there because, without it, I can't com back to the United States (...which means I wouldn't get to be with my Sunnyside Church family!) I'd really apprecially your prayers that everything goes smoothly so I can be back with you all in a couple of weeks.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Welcome to Sunnyside!** We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave.



Effective discipleship flows from intentional leadership. This afternoon at 2:00, we will gather with local leaders here at Sunnyside for a workshop focused on strategic disciple-making, mentorship, empowerment, and leadership development. What does it take to build an interconnected, healthy, and intentional church? Together, we'll explore key principles and practices to strengthen our leadership and ministries while discerning the next steps for Sunnyside. For those of you that would like to stay for this program, we are providing a meal for you.



On Thursday, April 3, we will enjoy our quarterly Senior Tea with the Senior Pastor at 1:30 pm. This is our opportunity for seniors to visit with Pastor Seth and get to know him. (FYI: this is for women and men.) Feel free to invite your friends, too. We will serve light refreshments. Hope you can join us in the fireside room.



**Evensong on April 12, at 4:00 pm,** here at Sunnyside Church, will feature Dan Miller on the organ and Jim Robertson will present the spoken word. This is a very special time to come together and renew your spirit after such a busy week.



Our next annual Ladies' Spring Tea is on April 13 at 1:00 pm, in the fellowship hall with our guest speaker Dr. Kara Johnsson. A donation will be collected to help support Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS). Come enjoy good food and great conversation. Spread the word and bring a friend. Please RSVP by April 6 to Kathy Kramer 360-553-8464 or Dianne Glovatsky 503-706-5611.



**Our history class meets each Tuesday at 7:00 pm, in the Youth Room.** This week on Tuesday, 26, we will study about the "Fourth Crusade and the Crusader States" and the "Fourth Lateran Council and the Jews."





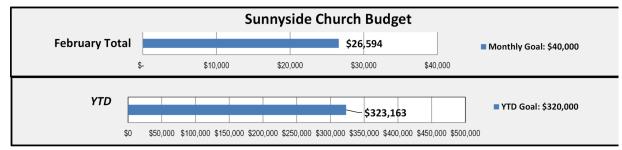
There is a flower calendar posted in the hallway and <u>online</u>. (Go to our website, <u>www.SunnysideAdventist.org</u>, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or <a href="mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org">info@sunnysideadventist.org</a> to submit your request. There is power in prayer and it truly makes a difference.



**Dollars for Missions!** Labels keep trickling in and we are quickly reaching another goal. Continue to save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church! There is a box in the Narthex for them. In the "old" days, we received 1¢ per label. Now they give us 25¢ per label. It's well worth saving and receiving "free" dollars for missions! Continue to save and turn in your labels.





There are some of our family that need help with transportation in order to attend church. If any of you would be willing to help with this need, please contact the office for specific information,

503-252-8080 or via email at <a href="mailto:lnfo@SunnysideAdventist.org">lnfo@SunnysideAdventist.org</a>.



**If you live at CherryWood Retirement**, our bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend church. Please be ready, we stop by at 10:45 am for our church service at 11:15 am.



**Currently, we are seeking** volunteers to help us with video and audio. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



**Would you like to hear the service more clearly?** Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to <a href="mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org">info@SunnysideAdventist.org</a> or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



**Directory photos** — **just a reminder.** We have a photo directory, but we are missing many photos or several need to be updated. Please help us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it to the directory for you. Thank you.



**During this difficult time,** if you are in need of financial help let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to <a href="mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org">info@SunnysideAdventist.org</a>.



Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like for you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network and you will know that you have had the privilege of helping one of our members who doesn't even want to ask for help! We are here to help each other. Thank you for helping us build the fund used for these expenses.



**Sunday:** Brian Costa, Ana Marin; **Monday:** Marilyn Patchin; **Tuesday:** Rick Butler, Viorica Gramada; **Wednesday:** Marle Blair, Anzhelika Legerman, Cindy Mulflur, Wendy van Rooyen; **Thursday:** Marci Henry, Diane Stillman; **Friday:** Delynn

# **ADVENTIST EDUCATION**



### Portland Adventist Elementary School

http://www.paes.com

#### **Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES**

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested, please reach out to <a href="mailto:admin@paes.com">admin@paes.com</a> to apply or call 503-665-4102.



### **Portland Adventist Academy**

https://paasda.org

### Portland Adventist Academy's annual Alumni Reunion is taking place at PAA May 2-3, 2025!

All current and former PAA students, staff and friends are enthusiastically invited to come together. This year's hon classes are: '45, '50 (75-year), '55, '65, '75 (50-year), '85, '95, '00 (25-year), '05, '15, '20 (5-year). The weekend's activities include:

- Friday, May 2, 6 pm Golden Agers & Friends Dinner, Library Welcoming alumni from the '50s, '60s and '70s details, contact: Bob Winter '53 at (503) 784-2614
- Sabbath, May 3, 10 am, Registration Opens; 10:30 am, Worship Service, including Roll Call, PAA Gym Speaker:
   Terry Johnsson '85
- Sabbath Lunch Following the worship service in the Cafe/Gym for PAA Alumni & Friends (Lunch is free; donations appreciated)
- Sabbath, May 3, 2 pm Class Reunion Meetings classrooms and as planned

**Reunion planning assistance:** We can help! Contact Communications and Development Director U'Lee Brown class ( '89 at 971-351-9028 or <a href="mailto:ubrown@paasda.org">ubrown@paasda.org</a> for more information.

Check for updates: Alumni Reunion information on the PAA Alumni webpage at <a href="https://paasda.org/alumni">https://paasda.org/alumni</a>
Our Special guest for the worship service is, Dr Terry Johnsson. An alumni from the class of 1985. Upon leaving PAA Terry joined the Air Force and served as White House honor guard under 3 presidents. Terry now serves (and for the past 11 years) as the VP for Mission Integration at Adventist Health (Pacific Northwest Region).

## **Scholarship Funding**

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all studer However, many families face financial challenges that can make it difficult for their children to attend. We are reaching out to ask for your support in funding scholarships that will help make this life-changing education accessible to more students. Your generous donation can directly impact a student's ability to attend and thrive at Portland Adventist Academy. To make either a recurring or one-time contribution, please visit www.paasda.org, or

contact me at ubrown@paasda.org at 971-351-9028 for more details. As <u>students share in this video</u>, thank you for your support in shaping the future of our students and helping them grow in faith and character.

**PAA & Fred Meyer**. You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here: <a href="https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards">https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards</a>



Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

https://www.rgsda.org/



Hood View Adventist School

https://www.hvja.org/



Walla Walla University

https://wallawalla.edu

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

# AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Adventist Book Center's Spring Case Food & Book Sale is March 9 – 23, 2025. Sale prices are also good for all delivery locations. For all the details go to the Oregon Conference Website and choose the Ministries tab, then click Adventist Book Center. You will see a link for Sales Flyer. You can also go to <a href="https://www.abcflyer.com">www.abcflyer.com</a> and click the sale fly link.



With just over a week to go in our camp meeting fundraising campaign, now is the time to step up and help make camp meeting happen this year! Our latest numbers have us at nearly \$149,000 of our \$390,000 goal! We're makir progress! These final weeks are a crucial time though, for us to work together to make sure that camp meeting will possible this year. Don't forget that thanks to a generous member, each dollar given right now will be doubled, up \$150,000! That means your \$10 will turn into \$20! Or give \$100 and your gift will add \$200 to the pot! Our deadling is March 31! Give online right now through AdventistGiving.org or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope.

We often look at big achievements – a successful business, a major scientific breakthrough, or a movement that changes t world – and think they happen because of a few extraordinary individuals. But the truth is, big things happen because of small, consistent contributions of many people.

Think about a puzzle. Each piece on its own may not seem significant, but together they create a complete picture! The sc applies to us. No matter who you are or what role you play, your actions, no matter how small, contribute to something greater. Camp Meeting 2025 is a huge project, and each of us can contribute in our own ways. Whether it's financially, or volunteering, or spreading the news in your own community and inviting your neighbors, we can come together to make t project great!



# GYC Northwest 2025 – "Beauty for Ashes"

Young people, are you longing for something deeper? GYC Northwest 2025 is happening March 26–30 in Boise, Idaho, bringing together young believers for a weekend of worship, inspiring messages, and life-changing encounters with Christ. This year's theme, 'Beauty for Ashes,' reminds us that God restores and renews, no matter our past. Join us and experience His transforming love! Learn more and register

at www.gycnorthwest.org.



## Oregon Conference Women's Ministry Training Day!

It's simple, really! Learning to do what you can, with what you have, where you're at. This ministry workshop is for ALL women. You don't have to be a women's ministry leader to attend. If you help or hope to one day, this is for you! Join us **Sunday, April 6** from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Oregon. Speakers will include Sue Clayville and Tawny Sportman. The registration fee is \$75.00, no refunds after March 21st. Register now at <a href="https://orad.us/WomensMinTraining2025">https://orad.us/WomensMinTraining2025</a>.



**Steve Darmody and Jenifer LaMountain** will present a free concert, Saturday, **April 26 at 7:00 PM**, at the Gladstone Park Adventist Church at 8378 Cason Road in Gladstone. All are invited. Questions may be directed to 503-655-2614.



Join us for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Boston, October 17-24, 2025, on the Norwegian Gem. Hosted by Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 6 ports of call throughout New England during the best month for fall colors. For more information and to register, visit <a href="https://www.bloominmarriage.com">www.bloominmarriage.com</a>, or contact Heather Tourville at 503-329-6523.



**Church Organist Needed:** The Stone Tower Adventist Church Music Department is seeking a volunteer church organist to play the organ during our worship service for up to two Sabbaths a month. Please contact Jeanine Goodwin at (503) 381-5577 or <a href="womensministry@stonetowersda.org">womensministry@stonetowersda.org</a> for more details and if you or an organist you know would be in



Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:

- 1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power (starting now in 2024)
- 2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power (in 2025).

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make happen. As Ellen White wrote so eloquently, "revival need be expected only in answer to prayer."

In connection with Pentecost 2025, the NPUC is inviting everyone to pray both privately and corporately for the Hol Spirit during the month of October 2024. Here is a link with all the information you need to participate: <a href="https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer">https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer</a>

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this duri the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <a href="https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting">https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting</a>





**Oregon Prayer Conference, March 21-23, 2025**, at Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Click on the QR code for more information. <a href="https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries">https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries</a>



**Big Lake Youth Camp registration is now open for kid camps and family camps for our 2025 summer!** Youth camps are for ages 7-17 with lots of fun activities kids do with their cabin groups. Family camps are for all ages with a lot of the same fun activities for families to do together – great for family reunions! Visit <a href="www.biglake.org">www.biglake.org</a> for more information or to register.



How do we serve?

**Portland Adventist Community Services – PACS is a vibrant faith-based Community of Service** with staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who provide food, low-cost dental care, and low-cost clothing/household items to individuals and families.

Hours: Thrift Store, Sun | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Mon - Thurs | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm / Sat | Closed Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Mon - Thurs | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm / Fri - Sat | Closed

### **Dental Clinic:**

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768 Volunteers:

**To volunteer at PACS** contact Jaclyn Russell, at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130 **Donations:** 

From large to small, we take them all. Money, clothing, even big and tall, humble egg boxes, and home goods for all

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a missional environment focused on giving hope to those in need through Portland Adventist Community Services then please go to: <a href="https://www.pacsonline.org/job">https://www.pacsonline.org/job</a> There are three postings available.

- \* Director of Quality Management
- \* Assistant Thrift Store Manager
- \* Home Thrift Store Part-time Pricer

**PACS Thrift store has many shoppers. We need Steps to Christ, Bibles, and Guides** to share with them. If you have so to share please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.



part-time

- full time

<u>os@pacsonline.org.</u>

the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pan

rought 365,670 lbs.(Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse communit e being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for icense is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

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k of more than 15 stations and translators serving over 60,000 square mile ite stations in northern California and Reno, Nevada. Better Life is currently cast engineer position is responsible for assisting the executive director in he technical systems that enable BLBN to fulfill its mission. This position is nore about this position and how to apply at <a href="https://bit.ly/BLTVjob.">https://bit.ly/BLTVjob.</a>

al spiritual care volunteer? Adventist Health Portland Spiritual Care s to apply. Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer pre-surgery suppor tients have access to spiritual resources, and more. If you feel called to be ling out our application m/769001903

compassionate volunteers to provide companionship to patients, provide a giver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies, or assis support. Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health earning more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinate Lorg. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging

time.

#### **Volunteers Needed at PACS**

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging fr customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please conta our volunteer manager Jaclyn at <a href="Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org">Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org</a> or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

## Last Week's Service in Photos



















